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Landlords and Tenants

Amending legislation regarding the fixation of rent under the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908.

* 406 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government propose to bring in any legislation in view of the recent decision of the Full Bench of the Madras High Court regarding fixation of rent under the Madras Estates Land Act?

A.—The Government have not perused the full text of the High Court's judgment referred to. The suggestion of the M.L.C. will be considered.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"In view of the observations of the High Court, are the Government prepared to bring in new legislation at least in the January session?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—"I have already stated that we have not seen the High Court's judgment; when we get it, the suggestion will be considered."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Are the Government prepared to apply for a copy at once and consider the matter?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—"I do not think there is such urgency in the matter."

Settlement and commutation of rents in estates between 1910 *and* 1935.

* 407 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the estates or parts of estates in the Presidency in which rents were settled between 1910 and 1935;

(*b*) the villages in estates in the Presidency in which rents were commuted between 1910 and 1935; and

(*c*) the estates or parts of estates in the Presidency in respect of which applications have been made for settlement of rent since 1930?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have no information.

Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo:—"Will the Government call for the information?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—"No, Sir."

Land Revenue Administration

Enhancement of the water-rate in the Cauvery-irrigated area of the Namakkal taluk.

* 408 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government at the time of construction of the Mettur Dam contemplated the idea of getting an increment in the water-rate in the Cauvery-irrigated area of the Namakkal taluk of Salem district;